



Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Via Electronic Filing

Re: MM Dkt 99-25 In the Matter of the Creation of a Low Power Radio Service

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find the signatures of 76 people — residents of Maine — in support of two important components of the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the future of the Low Power FM (LPFM) service.

In many communities, the demand for stations far exceeds the number of available frequencies. To best serve the diverse needs of local communities, the FCC should adopt rules and policies that maximize the number of LPFM stations that can go on the air. For example, by allowing all stations that will not cause interference to apply for waivers on the second adjacent channel, the number of community radio stations this service can license could more than double.

In addition, the FCC should require new LPFM stations to broadcast a minimum amount of locally originated programming each week. With only so many licenses available in each community — and with many more applicants than available channels — it is crucial that no city or town miss out on this opportunity for real local radio.

Respectfully submitted,

_____/s/_____

Candace Clement
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Cc:
FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski
FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
FCC Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

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—Gary Ameika, Portland, ME

I enthusiastically support the two important components of your NPRM regarding the future of the Low Power FM (LPFM) service. Our American democracy requires access to the free flow of independent news and information. In many communities, the demand for stations far exceeds the number of available frequencies. The Federal Communications Commission must do everything possible to increase the number of LPFMs that can go on the air across the country. By allowing all stations that will not cause interference to apply for waivers on the second adjacent channel, the number of community radio stations this service can license could more than double. Our FCC must require new LPFM stations to broadcast a satisfactory amount of locally originated content each week. With only so many licenses available in each community — and with many more applicants than available channels — it is crucial that no city or town miss out on this opportunity for real and truly independent local radio. Thank you.

—Seabury Lyon, Bethel, ME

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